



TRANSMITTAL LETTER			Case No. 5658-979
Serial No. 10/712,433	Filing Date November 13, 2003	Examiner To Be Assigned	Group Art Unit To Be Assigned
Inventor J. Conrad Vogel			
Title of Invention Snips with Removable Blades			

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- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR § 1.27 has been established by verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
- ☐ Petition for a _____ month extension of time.
- ☒ No additional fee is required.
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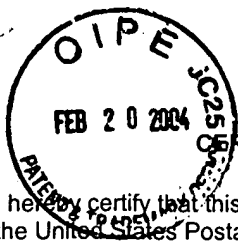
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

J. Conrad Vogel

Serial No.: 10/712,439

Filing Date: November 13, 2003

For: Snips with Removable Blades

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Dear Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed below and on the attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record.

The references now cited are the following:

No.	Date	Name
2,801,468	08/1957	Anderson
5,197,194	03/1993	Sorensen et al.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(g),(h), this Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made and is not to be construed to be an admission that the information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b).

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed prior to the receipt of the first Official Action reflecting an examination on the merits and hence is believed to be timely filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b). No fees are believed to be due in connection with filing of this Information Disclosure Statement, however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be deemed necessary for any reason relating to these material, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct said fees from Brinks Hofer Gilson & Lione Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this document is enclosed.

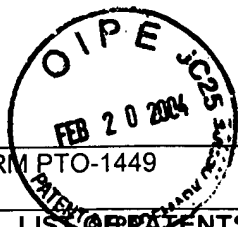
Applicant respectfully requests that the listed documents be made of record in the present case.

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LIST OF PATENTS AND PUBLICATIONS FOR APPLICANT'S INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT	FILING DATE November 13, 2003	GROUP ART UNIT To Be Assigned
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REFERENCE DESIGNATION

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	A1	2,801,468	08/1957	Anderson		
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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OTHER ART – NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS

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